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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, MASS, GR, US  
SUBJECT: U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT: INITIALING

1. DCA NEGOTIATIONS WERE FORMALLY CONCLUDED WHEN  
CHARGE MILLS AND AMBASSADOR CHRYSOPATHIS INITIALED  
ALL DOCUMENTS ON JULY 28.

2. UPON COMPLETION OF INITIALING THE 138-PAGE PACKAGE, IN PRESENCE  
OF BOTH DELEGATIONS AMBASSADOR CHRYSOPATHIS RECITED HIS  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORAL ASSURANCE CONCERNING  
EMERGENCY USE OF SOUDA AIR BASE THAT THE GOG WILL  
PROVIDE AT SIGNATURE (SEE ATHENS 4177, DTG 051714Z  
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MAY 77). CHARGE RESPONDED WITH HIS UNDERSTANDING  
OF THE ORAL ASSURANCE ABOUT UNILATERAL SUSPENSION  
THAT THE USG WILL PROVIDE AT SIGNATURE (SEE 76  
STATE 177221, DTG 170023Z JUL 76 - EXDIS).

3. IN HIS REMARKS, CHRYSOPATHIS SAID HE AND HIS  
GOVERNMENT ARE VERY GRATIFIED THAT THE HARD WORK

OF BOTH SIDES SINCE FEBRUARY 1975 HAS RESULTED IN THIS IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT. HE CALLED THE COMPLETED DCA A "NEW BASIS FOR THE DEFENSE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES," AND STATED HE BELIEVED THE DCA CONTENTS WOULD BE "SALABLE" TO LEGISLATURES AND PUBLICS AND "VIALE" IN STRENGTHENING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE. HE CLOSED WITH EXPRESSIONS OF CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP.

4. CHARGE RESPONDED ALONG SAME LINES, STRESSING THAT INITIALING IS IN ONE SENCE A CONCLUSION OF A DIFFICULT TASK, BUT IN ANOTHER SENSE A DEEPENING AND MODERNIZING OF HISTRICALLY-CLOSE SECURITY BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID THE USG IS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF TODAY'S PUBLIC STEP TOWARD A PROMPT SIGNATURE. WE TOO BELIEVE THIS AGREEMENT WILL PROVE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES SINCE IT REFLECTS OUR COMMON DEFENSE NEEDS. AND WHEN THE INITIALED CONTENTS ARE MADE PUBLIC, ALL WILL SEE HOW STRONG AND DEEP OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IS. CHARGE MADE REFERENCE TO NEXT TANGIBLE STEP: AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE ASSISTANCE MEETINGS IN CALIFORNIA, AND CLOSED BY THANKING PAST AND PRESENT NEGOTIATORS FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

5. ORIGINAL INITIALED COPY OF DCA WILL BE  
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AIR POUCHED ASAP TO DEPARTMENT (EUR/SE) ALONG WITH GREEK LANGUAGE VERSION RECEIVED THIS DATE.

6. FINAL COMMUNIQUE SENT SEPTTEL.  
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